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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSUMER ACADEMY
IN WEST BERLIN

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1. ALLIED REPS HAVE MET TRIPARTITELY TO EXCHANGE
THOUGHTS ON FRG PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CONSUMER ACADEMY
IN WEST BERLIN. ON BASIS EARLIER FRG EXPLANATION THAT
ACADEMY WOULD BE PRIVATE INSTITUTION REGISTERED AS SUCH
UNDER LAW, ALL REPS INDICATED THEY TOOK A FAIRLY RELAXED
VIEW OF PROPOSAL AS NOT INVOLVING ANY FUNDAMENTAL
DIFFICULTY. FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) INDICATED HE HAD
ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS ON THIS BASIS, BUT HAD
NOT YET RECEIVED ANY. UK REP AND LEGAL ADVISER (EDWARDS)
INDICATED HIS EMBASSY WAS IN SAME POSITION, AND THAT UK
WISHED PARTICULARLY TO ESTABLISH WITH FRG THAT ACADEMY
WOULD BE REGISTERED AS PRIVATE INSTITUTION IN BERLIN
UNDER BERLIN LAW. OTHER REPS SAID THEY HAD ASSUMED THIS
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BUT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO CONFIRM THIS WITH FRG.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO POSSIBLE LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE FRG PROPOSAL. POLITICALLY, IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE SHOULD NOT OBJECT IF BONN WISHES TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS INNOCUOUS PROJECT. IF ALLIES WERE TO REGISTER TELLING OBJECTIONS, IT WOULD BE TAKEN TO MEAN THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF VIRTUALLY ANY KIND OF FEDERALLY SUPPORTED/RELATED OFFICE/INSTITUTION IN BERLIN WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ALLIES--AND IT COULD BE EXPECTED THAT THIS CONCLUSION WOULD QUICKLY BE MADE PUBLIC. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THIS FRG PROPOSAL MAY BE CONSIDERED BY SOME WITHIN THE FRG TO BE A TEST OF ALLIED INTENTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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